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Saturday's Adopt-A-Beach Winter Beach Cleanup a success despite weather

Dauntless volunteers take 5.5 tons of trash off Coastal Bend Beaches

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AUSTIN — Saturday's chilly wind failed to deter 404 Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach volunteers from picking up nearly five and a half tons of trash from Coastal Bend shorelines.

The volunteers cleared 21 miles of Gulf Coast beaches from Aransas Pass to the Padre Island National Seashore. Local sponsors at each of the six Coastal Bend cleanup sites included Beautify Corpus Christi, Weinerschnitzel and the City of Corpus Christi at Cole Park, Keep Port Aransas Beautiful at the Port Aransas site, the Western National Parks Association at Padre Island National Seashore, the Science and Spanish Club Network in Aransas Pass, the Coastal Bays Foundation at Mollie Beattie Coastal Habitat Community and the Texas State Aquarium at North Corpus Christi Beach.

The Texas General Land Office Adopt-A-Beach program is one of the most successful volunteer efforts in the nation. The Winter Cleanup is one of three all-volunteer seasonal cleanups coordinated by the Adopt-A-Beach program. The goal of General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program is to not only remove trash from Texas beaches and waterways but to also increase public awareness of the problems of marine debris and beach litter.

As volunteers clean up beaches they record data to learn more about the causes of marine debris and to help mitigate pollution along Texas' 367 miles of coastline. Since 1986, more than 458,000 volunteers have removed more than 8,700 tons of trash from the Texas coast. That's enough to fill up a line of dump trucks more than 90 miles long.

For additional information on the Winter Texan Beach Cleanup and the Adopt-A-Beach program, or to participate in the next cleanup visit www.texasadoptabeach.org. You may also call the Texas General Land Office toll free at 1-877-TXCOAST.

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